The First Public Meeting for the City's Visitors Held at English's Opera House.

HIGH ORDER OF THE SPEECHES

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GILBERT AND CITY ATTORNEY KERN.

Welcoming Addresses Made by Them and Responses by Grand Sire Cable and Grand Master Jessup.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows was given an insight into the meaning of an Indiana welcome at English's Opera House yesterday morning. A majority of the grand representatives attended the meeting and found the atmosphere of the place so congenial that they remained far of our flag and of our Union. In peace and beyond the time set for adjournment, 10:30. The stage of the theater was simply but appropriately decorated in honor of the



pellate Judge Wiley, a past grand master; Lieutenant Governor zens, mingled in quite Odd Fellows and citizens, mingled in quite

a fraternal manner. At the right of the

Third Christian Church, which, under the

efficient leadership of Prof. Fassett A. Cot-

ton, furnished music that aroused the greatest enthusiasm. The distinguished men upon the stage looked upon an audience composed chiefly of Odd Fellows, with here and there a few members of the gentler sex, and the contrast between the picturesque regalias of the lodge men and the summer-hued dresses of the women presented a striking

Judge Wiley presided over the welcoming meeting with charming grace and tact. His remarks presenting each of the speakers were well chosen. The proceedings were inaugurated with instrumental music by the theater orchestra, after which the audience was settled and ready for the feast of eloquence to follow. Chairman Wiley explained the objects of the meeting and caused all present to feel thoroughly at home in a brief address, speaking as fol-

JUDGE WILEY'S ADDRESS. "Brother grand sire, officers and representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, ladies and gentlemen: A year ago, while the Sovereign Grand Lodge was in session in the historic city of old Virginia, there came to that city, addressed to the grand marshal, a telegram from the honorable next annual convention. After a friendly contest with the city at the Golden Gate. this grand old commonwealth and this beautiful city won the battle on their merits. [Applause.] And we meet here this morning in the initial meeting of this annual convention for the purpose of extending to you a Hoosier welcome because you

have honored us with your presence "But in the midst of the joy and gladness that come to us by your coming among us there comes at the same time a cloud of gloom that overhangs this great country of ours like a pall of woe, because of the

untimely death of our great and good President. [Applause.] Mingled with the joyous and gay colors of our order, with the bunting and the flag, are the emblems of mourning in memory of that tragic event. The brightness and splendor of this autumnal morning are darkened by the fact that the Nation bows its head

in sorrow. "Grand stre and Grand Treasurer grand representatives. American Odd Fellowship is a potent factor in popular government, for it teaches love of country, obedience to law and reverence to the powan Odd Fellow who does not love his country, and any lover of his country can never | Nation's progress. They have all been become its enemy

"In your coming to this grand commonwealth and this beautiful city you have Men who possess opinions and a will; cenferred an honor upon them second to none. You come as the representatives of every State and Territory where the stars and stripes float, and from the provinces of Canada and British Columbia and elsewhere, bearing upon your bosoms the white flower of American Odd Fellowship, ly or hospitable people can be found anyand in your hearts, buried deep and strong, where; and they are glad you have come. the eternal principles of our order. And It is more than a quarter of a century so, coming here as you do, representative men of your localities and your jurisdletions, we are doubly honored by your pres- known of you and of the work you are ence here this morning. It is not my province as the chairman of this meeting at this time to usurp the functions of the distinguished gentlemen who have been nized as in the strenuous times which we selected to tender to you the proper words | have to-day. of welcome, but it is appropriate for me to have said this much at least, and on has honored me by asking me to preside on this occasion, I extend to you and all of you a hearty Hoosier welcome, and before Saturday night closes you will all know what that means." [Applause.]

THE CHOIR SANG. The choir sang "God Save the Queen," a delicate compliment that was appreciated by the Canadian representatives present,

followed by "America," to the same nir, the great audience rose to its feet as one Rev. Marion Crosley,

Deputy Grand Sire. his prayer. He said: recognize Thee as the source of all life has been borne forth to victory in the last errant on every field of blood, mattering and the Giver of every good and perfect half century more Odd Fellows have fol- not of what race or creed, but always regift. We would glorify Thee because Thou lowed to uphold it than have members of membering the words is he not my hast glorified us by creating us in Thine any other fraternal order. Indiana has brother the Marshal Ney of that memorown image and after Thine own likeness, shown her appreciation of the services of able conflict. Need I tell you to whom I We would honor Thee because Thou hast her soldiers by the erection, almost within refer? Indiana's greatest son, Oliver P. henored us by recognizing us as Thy sons | sound of my voice and in the center of her | Morton. and Thy daughters, fashioned after the population, of the most heroic shaft ever similitude of a palace. We thank Thee for dedicated to the private soldier. You have our relationship to Thee and to each other, looked upon it and have felt that it would and we rejoice in the fact that through be a sublime lesson in patriotism for many other brother having passed from the ini-Thy wisdom and through Thy goodness we | coming generations. Love of country is are permitted to live in the midst of so older than your order, but no man can be many privileges and so many blessings, an Odd Fellow who does not love his worthy body and from citizenship to the We thank Thee for this occasion that has | country brought so many notable souls together devoted to the high interests of humanity. and we thank Thee that we are permitted

"Wilt Thou bless this Nation to the good of all concerned? Wilt Thou impart wisdom to these representatives from many jurisdictions as they shall deliberate for their country with complaint or from their the welfare of the great order of which enemies in fear. It was the inspiration they form an important part? And wilt

experiences and trials and successes of

the Eather of the nations of the earth.

THE STATE'S WELCOME.

An Interesting Address by Lieutenant Governor Gilbert.

Durbin, the address of welcome on behalf Lieutenant Governor Newton W. Gilbert. Governor Gilbert spoke as follows;

welcom.' But we, the hosts, and you, the | men! ad welded the discordant elements of our Puritan and Cavailer have united their en- | family. ergies more than ever before for the glory war he has wrought so wisely and so lovingly that sectional and party differences have well-nigh disappeared, and pulpit and press, patriot and politician, from the rising to the setting sun, chant paeans to his memory. Under his leadership liberty has been carried to the four corners of the earth and cheers and tears of rejoicing have greeted "Old Glory" even in the forbidden city of the ancient capital of the oldest empire upon the globe. We mourn tion; Grand Marshal to-day a fallen leader, but more than this we mourn a loving man-a sweet-tempered, clean-hearted. liberty-loving, God-fearing man. A man who loved the earth, and who manifested his love for it, and for all its joys, hopes and visions, when he said in his ast hours to the nurse who sought to close Gilbert, Rev. Marion the curtain by his bedside: "The trees are Crosley and a number | so beautiful, I love to look at them." A of other prominent man who loved his wife, and who loved her so well that his tender devotion and loving Odd Fellows and citi- solicitude have fallen upon the homes of America as a sweet benediction. A man who loved his God, and who loved and trusted Him so much that, as he surrendered in his heroic struggle for life, so dear to him as well as us, he could look in stage was the large chorus choir of the His face and in that of his fond wife and say: 'God's will, not ours, be done.

" 'Talk of his doom without a sigh; For he is Freedom's now, and Fame's-One of the few, the immortal names,

That were not born to die.' THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH. "His death is pitiful. It did not come in the ordinary struggle of life. He was not stricken in fair, open fight, nor given a chance for his defense, but he was taken from all he loved and from all who loved him by the dastardly deed of an assassin, an assassin whose murderous hand his own honest one was extended to grasp in fraternity and equality. Nothing could better demonstrate the could he speak to us to-day, he would say: Men of America, lay aside your grief, and | pleasure in proving it again to the satisfacpress forward to solve the problems of the | tion of the strangers who are in our gates shadowy future.' He would have us pro- on this occasion. ceed with the exercises of to-day and of this week. He would have us, as did he, live in the future and not in the past. And so I feel that I may say a few words to you upon this occasion which are not prompted by this most terrible tragedy. "Some of you have not been in Indiana before. Perhaps none of you know us as well as we know ourselves. Let me say a word of our commonwealth and our people. The time was, in the memory of some of us, when Indiana was regarded as almost the meanest in our sisterhood of States, and when the word 'Hoosier' was one of contempt and scorn. But this has long since changed. As you sped to this city you noticed our fertile farms and numerous factories. You passed through prosperous cities and towns. You saw busy workmen taking from the surface of the earth stone wherewith to build the most stately structures between the seas. Within your gaze thousands of engines were pumping from the bowels of the earth, oil, to light and heat the continent. You beheld at short intervals the country schoolhouse, calling to your attention the best common school system the world has yet devised. If you have talked with our people, you have learned of our system of taxation, which equitably distributes the burden of government, securing from large interests, as well as from small, a just share of the State's revenues. You have looked into the faces of our people, and have seen that they are happy and intelligent. You have not been confronted by pitiless poverty or by arrogant wealth. You have seen that we have no greater center of population, where the vicious elements of society congregate, or where Anarchy raises its iniquitous head. But our homes are happy, our workshops busy, our barns are full. Our common schools have

so raised the standard of intelligence that you are reading to-day more books by Indiana authors than by those of any other States, The names of Wallace and Riley, of Thompson and Major, of Tarkington and Nicholas are household words throughout the land, May I speak of the high standard which Indiana has set for the Nation in the character of her public servants? When called upon to furnish to the national government a high officer, no suspicion has citizens of the city a year ago, you are ever tainted his selection. Improper methers that be. A true Odd Fellow can never ods have never obtained. The power of to see you, we wanted to get acquainted minding us of the hourglass of time, be an Anarchist [applause], for Odd Fel- wealth has never been used and could not with you, we knew it would be good for through which the sands of life flow slowpatriotic citizenship, and no man can be | English and Harrison are but types of the

'Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy:

Men who have honor-men who will not lie.' HOSPITABLE PEOPLE "I speak for that people. I bring you their greetings. No more generous, kindsince you visited us before, but we have doing. The need of brotherly love among

"Numerous societies have been organized behalf of the executive committee, which to further that end. Among these organilows has no superior. The nineteenth cen- statecraft, as well as brotherhood; in tury gave birth to many noble institutions, statecraft formulating the politics of more than 55,000 members in your great manhood from the quiet of his home to be rang with applause, greets you because you are more than a that period which called upon every man a Universalist divine offic order. Indianians are essentially arrayed against brother, when the formulabrother Odd Fellow, country has been assailed none have arisen and devising means that the Republic offered the invocation. | more quickly to defend it than the citizens | might live and the old flag float over a Mr. Crosley spoke of our beloved State. Those of you who rounited people; meeting the trials and lows: with much feeling and | do not live under the stars and stripes are | difficulties that gathered around him with eloquence of the late living under her sister flag, and I am sure that courage known only to a conqueror; J. B. GOODWIN. martyred President in will pardon my speaking for a moment of he the judge advocate decided all questhe flag which waves over Indiana. It is tions with that fairness that caused him "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we said that when that banner of freedom to be marshal of that day; the knight

THE CONTROLLING SENTIMENT.

to live in the light of all these centuries | sentiment of America since the rigorous | ship will always be looked back to with a that have gone before us, and that we winter of 1778, when that body of men, un- reverential pride. Odd Fellows should alunclothed and unfed, tracked the snows with brotherly affection. Your coming of Valley Forge with the blood of their then was to a jurisdiction in number about footsteps, and never turned their eyes to a dispenser or charities annually, \$33,600. Thou bless, O Father, our city, our State, through the terrible days of the 60's, when turned from green to red by the blood of brave men, that we, a Nation, might be in-

I grace and comfort upon us while we by men as brave upon either side as ever haling patriotism from the air ever kept the union of States. Here where sleeps ors the loss of our late chief magis- offered their lives upon the altar of their impregnated therewith; taking a peep at our honored dead, his soul clean, shrives country. It and fraternity again impelled classic Boston, forgetting not the many in heaven-citizen, soldier, statesman an Comfort the Nation in its serrow, com- when in iss, at our very threshold, within hamlets from which came a Webster, a President of our great Republic-Benjamin art the widow in her great affliction, and our sight and hearing, the cries of the Sumner, a Longfellow, a Lowell, a Whit- Harrison with us all as the widows God and as tortured and oppressed were raised to us tier for assistance. The decrepitude of age. "And now, heavenly Father, guide us the helplessness of womanhood, the weak- miles and pitched your tent on the shores Fields and Running Brooks, vermore by Thy Holy Spirit, and may one ness of childhood, appealed to us for deaw come to bind all nations together, and liverance from death and worse. The men that land, its beautiful valleys, its magninthat law be the law of universal brother- of Indiana, the men of America again fol- cent mountains; partaking of its fruits and Of the glancing wings of swallows hood, and the praise shall be Thine for- lowed the flying flag, cherishing as never marveling at the wonderful progress that ever. Amen. before liberty and fraternity, fraternity and civilization has caused, from a country known defeat! What pride to know that | products of the soll. first of all the standards of the earth it "From thence you journeyed to the has carried liberty to stranger peoples! | beautiful City of the Straits, partaking of On account of the absence of Governor

we welcome you none the less, the smile is | people who, practice the fraternity that | side the open grave. The dread destroyer | and homes I greet you. May your deliberanot record a death which filled so many May the grief you feel spur you to mightier hearts with grief. William McKinley was | efforts for fraternity. When we reluctantly President of the United States, and he was allow you to return to your homes may you vastly more. He, more than any other, each find your loved ones safe and happy. And as the coming years shall unfold be-Nation into one homogeneous people. Un- fore us may the great order which you der his benign influence descendants of represent increasingly bless the human

THE CITY'S WELCOME.

City Attorney Kern Speaks on Behalf of Mayor Taggart.

The city of Indianapolis conveyed its welcome to the Odd Fellows through City Attorney John W. Kern, Mayor Taggart being unable to be present. Mr. Kern said:

"Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Ladies and Gentlemen-It is a matter of sincere regret that his Henor, the mayor of the city, is unable to be here on this occasion, for the reason that he has a handshake and a smile which, of could not be emulated in the slightest de- in the cemetery hard by. Their followers, rected me to come and in his name and in In place of the modelland power and blessing, than the unfolding of zens of Indianapolis, to give you welcome within the city's gates, and he charged me that these words of welcome should not be mere formal and perfunctory words, such as drop from the llps and are to be forgotten, but genuine words of welcome, a welcome that is as wide as the boundaries of the city, a welcome that is warm because it comes from the bottom of every one of the 200,000 hearts within the boundary lines of the city

"You come, ladies and gentlemen, members and officers of the Grand Lodge, to a city where Odd Fellowship abounds and where the principles of Odd Fellowshipfriendship, love and truth-are indigenous to the very soil. "You come to a city which has within its boundaries more than three thousand good

and true Odd Fellows, and these three

thousand and more Odd Fellows are the very flower of the splendid citizenship of the city of Indianapolis. [Applause.] You come to a city of beautiful homes, of beautiful streets, of beautiful buildings, of beautiful precepts and principles, a city whose citizens have in the past ofttimes proved their hospitality and will take great

"You come to a city of sad hearts this morning. You come to a city every one of whose inhabitants is in mourning on account of the awful tragedy which has overtaken the people. You come to a city whose citizens are divided on questions of baptism and creed, but who stand as one man in their desire for the glories of heaven. You come to a city whose citizens are divided on questions of public policy, whose conflicts are fierce in political times, but you are in a city, thank God, whose citizenship is one to-day in reverence to the flag and in devotion to the common country that we all love. [Applause.] You come to a city whose population is

such in sentiment and principle that if all cities and all communities between the seas were of similar sentiments the word would be sent beyond the seas and everywhere this morning that the bullet of the assassin and the doctrines of Anarchy may never prevail against the free institutions of star-spangled banner. [Applause.] "And I thank God that from my heart this morning as one who did not vote as

paid to the personality of President Mc-Kinley by the distinguished lieutenant governor of the State. [Applause.] "Officers and members of the Grand Lodge and visitors to Indianapolis, while you are in a city whose people are sad, we hope that your welcome may be such as that you will enjoy yourselves as thoroughly while you are here as it is possible under the circumstances. The day of latchstrings is past in Indiana and Indianapolis. They have been superseded by doorbells. The mayor told me to say to you that if. when you approach any house in the city your welcome was such that the doorbeil

was not promptly answered, to walk in.

and, if you did not see what you wanted,

President McKinley voted I can say that I

indorse every word of the beautiful tribute

ask for it [laughter] and if your response was not immediate, to help yourselves, and that you would be thoroughly protected during your stay in the city. [Renewed laughter and applause.] "The mayor desires to thank you that, acting upon his invitation and that of the us and felt sure it would be good for you. And now that you are here, we hope you men whom Indiana has contributed to the | will have such a good time that all future sessions of your Grand Lodge will be held

THOMAS R. JESSUP'S RESPONSE.

in Indianapolis and not elsewhere." [Ap-

He Is Grand Master of the Indiana Jurisdiction of Odd Fellows

Mr. Kern was followed by Thomas R. Jessup, grand master of the Indiana Jurisdiction of Odd Fellows, who welcomed the Sovereign Grand Lodge on behalf of his jurisdiction. Mr. Jessup spoke as follows: "Mr. Chairman, Grand Sire, members Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United

its annual session. "On that occasion they were met and welcomed by men that were giants in yet none call her mother of whom she may each of the great political parties, being be more proud than of your fraternity. the generals around which the rank and Your brotherhood is made up of the strong | file gathered for carrying out the plans of and thoughtful men of America who be- action formulated; in brotherhood they lieve that friendship, love and truth are were designers as well as master worknot mere empty sentiment. It knows no men; on behalf of the State, by that chivdistinction in men on account of religion, alrous knight of the craft, Thomas A. politics or worldly wealth or wisdom, and Hendricks, then Governor of this cominculcates a charity which not only moves | monwealth; on the part of the city, by men's hearts but actuates his hand. The John Caven, then mayor of the city of Inindigenous to the soil of Indiana, and it of Indiana, by our own brother and past easily follows that the State has to-day grand master, who was called in early fraternal order. You are essentially a patri- to be a patriot, a time when brother was

"On behalf of the order everywhere, an-

"From thence you went more than 3,000 of the Pacific, drinking in the wonders of liberty. What pride to know that that flag. | dotted only a few years before with Indian | flung to the breeze more than a century | wigwams, you found splendid citles, mag- | Where purple grapes hung bursting on the ago, symbolizing as it does principles only | nificent harbors; the plains that heretoless precious than those represented by the fore had been the roaming ground of the banner of the cross of Christ, has never | uncultured red man were teeming with the

What pride to know that the oppressed and | the healthful aroma coming from the great downtrodden averywhere, as they look on pineries of the North, forgetting not to of the State of Indiana was delivered by high for help, may behold it in skies which | view the places made sacred by the heronever before were kissed by its beauty! ism of the advance guards of civilization. What pride to know that the sons of the And in your migration you rested for man who wore the blue and the sons of awhile in the Southland, remembering that "Mr. Chairman, Grand Sire and Grand | the man who wore the gray and the sons | her soil was the first that drank the blood Representatives of the Sovereign Grand of the man who were the garb of the of martyrs in the glorious cause of free-Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd fugitive slave marched side by side carry- dem. Being in the City of Seven Hills, the Fellows-Because of the unavoidable ab- ing it to its new glories! What pride to home of Powhatan and on the bank of the sence of our distinguished Governor, the know that as we listen we hear in wild ac- James, where the princess of the forest, honor of representing the entire citizenship | claim the cheers, and as we look we see | Pocahontas, forgetting her own and withof Indiana is mine to-day, and I had ex- in deepest gratitude the tears that greet out an example, assumed the role of the pected, upon behalf of nearly three mil- the establishment of civil government un- Good Samaritan. And after having been ions of people, to extend to you a 'Hoosier | der its folds for ten millions of our brother | East, West, North and South you return to the jurisdiction of Indiana and your guests, have met with our hearts bowed down with an overwhelming grief. While flag, again I greet you. On behalf of a gards you have for our people.

"We cannot present to you beautiful driven from our faces and the hearty words | you teach I greet you. On behalf of a rivers, broad prairies nor magnificent of greeting from our lips, as we stand be- people who open wide to you their hearts | mountains, as seen in your trip to the Golden Gate. Nor can we say to you, has struck his heaviest blow. History does tlons be profitable. May health attend you. Take your seat in the gateway of the grand Northwest.' No aroma comes to you from the forests of the North; we have no morning winds perfumed from the cypress on the hillside; no mocking-bird to warble to you at dawn of day, calling you from rest to refreshments; no Bunker Hill, no Concord to remind you that once a mighty conflict between might and right was decided in favor of right in the awful carnage of war. But we do say, behold us! And as in times that are gone we assume and take on the customs of that day and speak in our own praise.

JURISDICTION OF HOMES. "The jurisdiction of Indiana is a jurisdiction of homes where 90,000 brothers and sisters are housed with care, and from the resources gathered therein \$250,000 annually is handed back to brothers and sisters in need. Indiana, the grand old Hoosier State -peopled in the past and the present by trained in the school of politics led by such modious barn, the doors of which are gaping wide, filled with plenty; in place of the the comforts and luxuries of life in which from East to West and from North to is freighted to the markets of the world; in place of the blockhouse is the schoolfrom factory and shop; in place of the friendly guidepost to direct the passer-by it is some manufactured product carried to every market of the yorld, telling from whence it came; in place of the hamlet Indiana is furnishing to the highways of Father and each other! freight material for every port on the globe. From her forests, hardwood; from her hills, building stone; from her mines, coal; from within her borders, reservoirs of gas and rivers of oil; from her orchard, the choicest of fruit; from her garden, vegetables without number; from her meadows, herds of cattle and flocks of sheep; from her fields of corn, hogs without num-

"We no longer look to our sister States from the East for institutions of learning. We have Earlham, Hanover, Bloomington, Purdue, Wabash, Notre Dame, Rose Polytechnic. De Pauw and our various normal whence come the sons and daughters of Indiana and with them their alma mater. "Examples multiply, but time forbids. In material growth Indiana has long stood in the front rank. In the markets of trade, you will find 'Indiana' stamped on every kind of manufactured product, evidencing to the world that her people are industrious, prosperous and happy. SOLDIERS MOURNED.

"Of her soldiers, the world mourns the untimely death of Past Grand Masters Hackelman and Meredith. In her onward America and the glory of the grand old march she stops at the bier of gallant Lawton and gives a tear. Their last resting places are marked by suitable piles of granite, and annually we strew the mounds made thereby with bright flowers, the language of love. You did well in coming to the city of Indianapolis, within whose center stands a monument, builded from the try! quarries of Indiana, in commemoration of the valor of her soldiers, dead and living, from whose heights old glory catches the first peep of dawn, and bids good night to spreads her mantle over the city of concentrated circles. "And within its shadow stands a monu-

ment erected by loving hands, around through its gloom came light and through all the social affinities or affections of my which the votaries of the degree of Rebekah will gather on this, their fiftieth anniversary, calling to memory the words so aptly spoken by its author and finisher. In fraternal growth Indiana has no superior. In every nook and corner you will find some kind of edifice with the letters I. O. O. F.' saying to the passer-by, within friendship is exemplified by the beautiful allegory of Jonathan and David, The true test of manhood by the acts of the here. We wanted you to come, we wanted good samaritan, and the voice of God re-Having but surely. filaietories, enabling us to watch the flocks on the plains of Paren, learned well the lesson of toleration, stopping by the wayside, taking lessons in devotion from the lovely Rebekah, casting the mantle of charity over our imperfections. Into our coffers, pennies, like the raindrops from heaven, fall, building and maintaining a home where the brother and sister, having been touched by misfortune, can find a resting place, as the sun of time sinks in the great beyond, and the bright-eyed boy and girl gathered from the byways of life, their feet placed on the road to manhood and womanhood, a monument to Odd Fellowship, emphasizing the fact that we stand at the head of fraternal organizations.

"Grand sire, and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, your coming is like a father coming to his children, proud of his of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and Friends | own, and your children, the ninety thou--On the 20th day of September, 1875, the | sand Odd Fellows in Indiana, happy at your coming, and as loving sons and States came to the city of Indianapolis at | daughters open wide the door and bid you

GRAND SIRE'S ADDRESS.

Mr. A. C. Cable's Interesting Exposi-

tion of Odd Fellowship. The chorus choir was on the programme for a number, "Earth Makes a Noise with and Grand Sire Cable was introduced by homely virtues it imparts are such as are dianapolis; on the part of the Odd Fellows | Chairman Wiley and proceeded at once to to which he had listened with the closest person, and the house brotherhood. But, Mr. Chairman, Indiana Governor of the State of Indiana during attention. The Grand Sire is possessed of of this city, and a a patriotic people. When the flag of our tion of plans and policies for carrying on the beauty of his diction, made his address can speak. We can engage in a commerce thoroughly enjoyable. He spoke as fol- of thought by language, All I have, of feel-

> ernor of Indiana, worthy successor to a ning-like flashes; the tongue of eloquence, long line of distinguished gentlemen and moving all hearts with its pathos and eminent statesmen, Mr. Mayor, and to you argument, and the tongue of charity hiding the executive heads of the various branches | a multitude of sins. And then there is the of the order in this splendid jurisdiction, tongue of the tale-bearer scattering the a brother Odd Fellow. in behalf of more than one million of pure | seeds of strife, and the tongue of the women and noble men who have been slanderer, weaving the webwork of deceit taught to be 'grateful to their Creator. to enmesh the innocent. faithful to their respective countries and fraternal to their fellow-men.' I accept your cordial welcome and return to you, to each of you, their fraternal greeting and heartfelt saultation

"Officers and Grand Representatives-indiana welcomes us with proverbial hospitality and weaves about something of that charm which Wallace felt and the world still feels in 'Ben-Hur;' which Thompson filled dull history with the wine of romance and imortalized Ridpath. Here where

'Here where America's great poet, the poet of the people, who, through 'Green

" " * Wove a dream All bespangled with the gleam Dipping ripples in a stream, That like a tide of wine Wound through lands of shade and shine

And where orchard boughs were bent Till their tawny fruitage blent With the golden wake that marked the Way the happy reapers went."

"Here where, as the shining years run on, greens the memory of him who has come to share with Wildey and Ridgely the honor of giving to the world an order about which clusters our most ardent hopes and in which are enshried our tenderest loves. Seer and statesman though he was, Schuyler Colfax will be remembered by a loving-hearted people as the founder of the Rebekah Degree in Odd Fellowship years and years after the magnificent marble monument erected to his memory by loving hands, which stands in the beautiful park hard by, has moldered away, aye, when all other memories have been for-

REASON FOR COMING.

"Here, then, under autumnal skies, surrounded by a delightful historic and literary atmosphere, in the presence of the great, noble and generous spirits of this charming State, we come to talk over, to plan and to legislate, as a body, for the welfare of our fellow-men and for the best interests of Odd Fellowship.

"Your Excellency, and Mr. Mayor, let me again express to you our profound sense of appreciation for your presence and ask your kind indulgence while I attempt to speak upon the subject of 'Odd Fellowship.' "I acknowledge the fascination of my theme. I confess that I feel its enthrallment; and I am happy to assert the ever fresh delight with which its study fills my heart, as well as the ever forceful stimulus which it imparts to my being, urging me to a nobler life, and impelling me to a bolder endeavor after the lofty standard of greatness embodied in the sublime principles to which as Odd Fellows we tenaciously cling!

"True, we have nought to boast of in the antiquity of our noble order; yet in a stalwart lovers of the right, having been | most profound sense its spirit is as old as eternity, and its ample truths so broad and inhere in the very constitution of themselves, speak whole volumes of genu- leaders as Hendricks, McDonald, Voorhees, Deity; for in all the revelations of the ine welcome, speak it in such way that it | Morton, Colfax and Harrison, now sleeping | Supreme Being that are set forth in nature and illumined in the sacred secrets of the He has been unable to be here, but has diis the farm, the orchard, the garden, the ship-the glorious announcement that God meadow. In place of the corral is the com- is Friendship-God is Truth-God is Love! "From this viewpoint, our order stands out hoary with age. When not a billow hut is the splendid dwelling, provided with | heaved-not a wild bird sang, not an ancient hill kissed the heavens; when not a you will find the sons and daughters of ray of light had traveled-not a planet those grand old pioneers, like from which | wheeled, not a sun burned; when not a a Lincoln came; in place of the winding seraph had waved his pinions, or stood path through the forest are excellent roads; with veiled face before the great I Amin place of the stage coach a web of iron | even then the very principles which form the essence and strength of our order. South, upon which the product of industry | stood as angels before the throne of God. and when the flat of creation was spoken, they descended into this world, to be the house; in place of the ringing of the wood- sentinels of humanity-yes to lead human's ax at early morn the shrill whistle | manity into the flower embroidered paths of peace and virtue and rightenousness! "Our principles then are as old as God: Standing beneath them to-day, we rededicate ourselves to their dominion, and through their mystic power are drawn into town and cities have grown, and to-day a closer fellowship with the heavenly "Odd Fellowship appeals to us by the ele ments of the mysterious. This susceptibility of our nature is incessantly touched, from the cradle to the grave. We enter at birth a universe in which wonder is excited, curiosity elicited, investigation challenged-at every step of our progress from romping youth to venerable old age. This mystery hangs like a mystic veil around It is with us through all the stages of experience and deft processes of education-from kindergarten to universityfrom the alphabet to the triangulation of the universe! It touches us, speaks to us, charms us, inspires and thrills us. It is the schools, colleges and universities, from power that energizes the faculties, quickens the ambition, arouses the dormant power of the intellect, clarifies the vision. directs the will, steadies the judgment, re-

> enravishing, and enables his burning eye to look upon another curtain of mystetry, behind which lurk secrets yet more subtlewonders still more entrancing! "The light of morning revealing after a starless night of tempest, while it dissolves the mystery of the gloom, spreads before and around me new mysteries; a mystery in every pebble and plant; in every insect and bird; in every snow-flake and gem; in every laughing, leaping school boy's spirit; and in every venerable politician who assures us that he has expended the vitality of his brain and being in self-sacrificing devotion to his coun-

researches, he is lifting fold after fold,

the veil suspended in nature's temple; and

each parted veil at once admits him with

a light of revelation more startling, and

MYSTERY EVERYWHERE. "Mystery! Mystery! It is everywhere, and when by dying we shall pass "within and know the mystery was a part of the process of imparting knowledge, and that its bewilderments came the highest joy! bound together, interrelated in a fellowship which is all the sweeter on account of its secrets and even purer because its affinities are hid from the dust and deception of the world! And be it remembered that ours are not the mysteries of iniquity. Slanderous libels have been uttered respecting them. Dread stories have been circulated concerning them. But these are but the spiteful fabrications of sangulnary fanatics or irresponsible fools or a deprayed priesthood. With ignoble deeds of darkness we have no sympathy. Of what we do, of what we teach, we fear no criticism. Here honor is sacred, reputation is shielded, virtue is stimulated and every man stands upon a whiten all seas with the sails of its hopeful foundation of faith and fidelity, manhood and morality, beneath the arch of the brotherhood of man! Who can object to or oppose such a system? Is he a patriot? Then here may he be helped in the culture of those principles which uphold government, reverence law and promote that righteousness which exalts a nation. Is he a moralist? Then here may he learn the purest ethics and practice the most manly virtues. Is he a philanthropist? Then we can assure him that no less profoundly than he do we believe that pure Odd Fellowship and undefiled before the Father is this, to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted in the world. Is he a poet? Then here are symbols for his fancy and sublimities for his imagination. Is he a Christian? Then we tell him that religion shall find us one of her most useful auxiliaries, one of her most fair and generous hand-maidens, and that our theology is to melt the stony heart of the world world. "Odd Felowship appeals to us as made for self-government. Its very principles stand for the sovereignty of man. What is manhood without self-rule? To what extent we shall develop our being depends upon self-government. Whether our career shall be one of beauty and blessedness, or

through the power of love. one of meanness and of malediction depends upon self-sovereignty. Self-government restrains but by restraining intensifles. This makes men noble. Matter, the servant of mind; instinct, the servant of reason; impulse, the servant of duty pleasure, the servant of principles-this is manhood, and this is Odd Fellowship And what a province of self-government is that of the tongue. We are men, for we ing, knowledge, motive may be communicated through the power of the tongue! There is the witty tongue, with its light-

"Here, then, is a most legitimate sphere reputation of a brother, in protecting the sentatives began the first business session innocent from the blighting scourge of gos- of the Grand Lodge. sip and character assassination. Brethren vice presidency, the author and formulator made to look out of the glorious eyes of let us renew again and again our covenant Alice of Old Vincennes; a charm which to stand by one another, to frown upon the the morning; you might as well hope to "Here where 'The Tall Sycamore of the arrest the lightning; you might as well try Wabash' charmed with matchless eloquence to obstruct Niagara in its resistless fury. the hearts of his fellow-citizens; and Hen- as to recall the word let loose by your condricks, dignified, intelligent, calm in the sent. It has become one of the active en-"Since then in your annual sessions you | midst of defeat and great in his silence | ergies of the universe. It is destined to have gone East, stopping awhile in the old | went on to the final triumph. Here where | immortality by the law of the conservation Bay State, viewing the fields which were Indiana's great war Governor, Oliver P. of forces. Its history henceforth shall be

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"Finally we have here the law of mutual help. This is the cement which binds as with the law of gravitation the editice of Odd Fellowship into imperishable strength. Mutual help is a divine law. By it the universe is held together. Around us and below us and above us we meet with it in ceaselss operation. The flowers live for the insect and the insect for the flowers; the hills live for the valley, and the clouds live for the hills; the ocean lives for the dry land and the dry land for the ocean. Everything helps to bear up everything else. The heavens lean upon the earth, and the earth reflects the splendor of the heavens from its laughing valleys, its snowcapped mountains and ever-changing seas. And shall not man live for his fellow-man? Shall not experience instruct artlessness and learning enlighten ignorance? Shall not gladness dispel sorrow, and youthful might give its arm to tottering age, and affluence become the almoner of heaven to homes of penury and victims of bereavement and disaster? Thus the poverty of the last rays of the setting sun as twilight | the veil," never as then shall the soul feel | my brother may make me rich in goodness. The feebleness of my neighbor may make me strong in sympathy. The loneliness of my companion may make me opulent in

> "This is true Odd Fellowship: "Let sorrow wail, we weep. "Let poverty ravage, we help.

"Let sickness come, we perform sleepless "Let success come, we congratulate. "Let laughter clap its hands with joy, we swell the glad acclaim with laughter

just as loud. "We receive to give, we aspire to distribute, and go forth under the impelling conviction that we are debtors to every man less happy, less cultured, less strong and less honored than ourselves. we dedicate ourselves anew this day. Hav ing the fecundity of the acorn, this order shall wave like the cedars of Lebanon on every hillock and mountain side. Vested with the achievements of wealth, it shall commerce. Possessed of the remedial energies of the hospital, it shall cure the dire contagion of human misery, and through its nutriments shall make health and happiness contagious. Endowed with the enlightening power of the school, it shall shine into every dark corner, driving all ignorance, superstitions and all goblins from the face of the earth. As vigilant as the invisible police, our order shall expose with the glare of its searchlight every seditious Anarchist and stealthy enemy of our respective countries; and, as compact as a well-organized army, it shall march with its conquest of love throughout every known valley and plant the banner of true friendship on every summit, and kindle the flame of truth in every heart and home. and crown this new century and countless centuries to come with the jewels of selfsacrificing, uplifting, enlarging, enriching love, with our white banner of peace floating over the civilization of the whole

A TOUCHING INCIDENT.

The Audience at English's Paid Tribute to the Late President.

A most impressive and touching incident occurred during the address of Grand Master Jessup, Mr. Jessup alluded to the President in his speech and called upon the audience to rise and bow the head in token of its feeling over the awful national tragedy. Instantly the vast concourse arose and stood with bowed heads, sitting again when the grand master had reverently uttered

The meeting came to a close with the

singing of "O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem," by Charles Mendell, accompanied by the chorus choir. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. I. McCoy, Immediately at the conclusion of the exercises, Grand Marshal John B. Cockrum came to the edge of the stage and requested that the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge form by States and pass from the house. The entire body marched to the State Capitol by the Circle, Market. Pennsylvania and Washington streets, and in the hall of the Indiana House of Repre- sheet-fron and furnace repair work.

Local Reception Committee,

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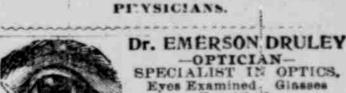
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